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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 17th, 1893.

When the postal rate from England to the

Eastern Colonies was reduced to 2d. 6d. Singapore

reduced its return rate to 5 cents, while in Hongkong

the reduction was only to 7 cents. This rate was not fixed

arbitrarily by the Government, but was arrived

at after consultation with the Chamber of

Commerce. The idea that the postal service

should be worked at a loss for the sake of

securing low rates does not find acceptance

locally, and 7 cents was fixed upon as a rate

which would allow pay for the service with-

out leaving any large profits. The Singapore

policy was a bolder one, but as events have

turned out less well advised one, for it is now

found necessary to increase the rate charged

in that Colony. In his speech at the opening

of the session of the Straits Legislative

Council the Acting Governor said: "The

question of the advisability of raising the

rates of postage, in consequence of the

'shrinkage of the value of silver, is now

'under consideration, and has been referred

'to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

'The Postmaster-General of the Colonies,

'in 1892, claimed for the Straits Settlements

'the position of having the lowest

'postage-rates in the East. But, having

'regard to the state of the Colonial

'finances as already detailed, I am not pre-

'pared to maintain that our postal charges

'should continue to be less than those

'allowed by the Postal Union. The pre-

'sent charge for foreign postage—5 cents

'(or 2s. 6d.) equal to 15½ cents in the Postal

'Union unit. The Hongkong rate, of

'7 cents, at 2s. 6d., comes to 2½

'cents, which is also below the Postal

'Union unit, but the difference is

'small enough to warrant the hope that it

'may not be found necessary to increase it.

Any further reduction, however, would

English mails usually arriving within a day

or two of each other, so that both have to

be answered by the same homeward mail.

We cannot well complain of the P. & O.

Company delivering our letters a week before

their due date, acceleration in the mail

service being a thing which in the abstract

never commands unreserved approval. Nor is

there any legitimate ground of complaint

against the French mail so long as it keeps

up to its schedule time, and in any case,

since the Messageries Maritimes Company

receives no subsidy either from the British

or the Hongkong Government, no control

can be exercised over the movements of its

steamers. At the same time the incon-

venience of a fortnightly instead of a weekly

mail is undeniable, and it naturally suggests

enquiry whether it could not be obtained by

utilising some other route. The question

of providing Penang with a weekly mail ser-

vice has recently been under consideration,

the M. M. steamers not calling at that port.

Amongst other offers considered was that one

from Messrs. JARDIN, MATTHEW & Co.

and Messrs. APAR & Co. to carry the

mail from Calcutta. The Assistant

Postmaster-General of the Straits in a mem-

orandum on the different routes says:—

'I would invite particular attention to the

'fact that in the same way as the mails by

'the British packet arrive here earlier in the

'week than those by French, so, allowing

'for a stoppage at Penang of twelve hours,

'the outward mails for Singapore could be

'delivered via India earlier than they are

'at present by French packet, and there

'would be additional advantage that they

'could be despatched between Penang and Sin-

'gapore." It follows therefore that the

'saving of time to Hongkong would be pro-

'portionately greater; for the steamers, arriv-

'ing at Singapore before the French mail,

'would bring the letters on direct,

'whereas the M. M. steamers are delayed by

'having to go to Saigon. Under this system

'the letters by the French mail would be

'taken from Aden to Bombay, thence by rail

'to Calcutta, and would then be placed on

'board the company steamers. A tender by the

'British India Company to convey the mails

'via Rangoon appears to be considered on the

'whole the more suitable for Penang require-

'ments, though the committee which had the

'matter under consideration reported that

'there was little to choose between that and

'the Calcutta route. The amount asked

'by Messrs. ARCAR was only 25,000

'rupees per annum, and if Hongkong

'joined the Straits in the payment of a

'somewhat larger subsidy doubtless a regu-

'lar service under usual conditions as to

'penalties for delay could be arranged

'with the Calcutta steamers. To secure an

'acceleration of the mail now brought on by

'the M. M. steamers would be worth pay-

'ing something for. The fact that the

'mail could then be sorted on board

'would be an incidental advantage worth

'consideration. The amount of the subsidy

'would not be all lost, as, if not the

'whole of it would be covered by the in-

'creased proportion of the amount paid as

'postage that would fall to Hongkong's share.

The P. & O. steamer Bombay left London for

this port on the 11th inst.

The steamer Hongkongshire left Singapore

yesterday and is due here on or about the 23rd

inst.

Shanghai is quoted by an American paper as

having the highest death rate from Bright's

disease, 150 per 1,000, the next highest rate is

130, and at Amsterdam 120.

We have to acknowledge receipt from Messrs.

J. S. David & Co., the old agent of a post

and sea-fuel risk insured by the South British

Fire and Marine Insurance Co.

The Agents (Messrs. Dole, Carrill & Co.)

inform us that the steamer Phœnix bound

for this port from London, put into Saigon for coal,

and will leave there this morning. She is due

here on Tuesday, the 21st inst.

One of the two Franco-Annamite Militiamen

killed by the Siamese and recently handed

over by the Siamese to the French officials at

Bangkok has undergone amputation of the arm

there under Drs. Dauter and Aduana.

A grand living 'Workshop' Exhibition

will be held at La Hacienda, Mount Kelabit, by

the hands of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Dole, and

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Mr. Charles Denny, J. has been confined

in his apartment at the First Secretary of

the United States Legation at Kelang.

While working on the building, one being

demanded for the erection of the end and

a woman yesterday morning fell from the top of

a wall, nearly 40 feet high, and received very

serious injuries. She was removed unconscious

to the Tung Wah Hospital.

A small fire occurred last night about a quarter

past six at No. 8, Lane 3, near Lane 4, a small

family house, in the rear of the K. Y. ching

Theatre. The Brigade was called out, and the

fire was quickly extinguished. The damage

and all damage was quickly removed. The com-

pensation was insured for \$300 with Messrs.

Stearns and Co.

A performance was given on Wednesday evening

at the City Hall by the P. O. ching, the well-

known champion "lightning" rider. The

audience was not large, but the performer was

plentifully applauded, though he did not appear to

be in quite his best. The exhibition of the

entertainment will be given on Saturday evening.

The steamer appears to be following with ex-

ceptional strength to the Straits. The M. M.

steamer Natchez, which left Saigon at 3 a.m.

on Monday, did not arrive up to the time of

going to press. The Indo-China steamer

Wingung, which left Singapore on the 12th

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TO LET

THE HOUSE, No. 30, ELGIN STREET. Rent moderate. For particulars apply to **THE MEDICAL HALL**, Hongkong, 3rd October, 1903. (1918)

TO LET

NO. 1, ALBANY (Six Rooms). Apply to **LINSTEAD & DAVIS**, Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. (1718)

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FRONT OF FIRST FLOOR of No. 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for Office or Residence. Apply to **LINSTEAD & DAVIS**, Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. (1918)

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A SMALL GODOWN at WANCHAI. Apply to **LINSTEAD & DAVIS**, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1903. (1718)

TO LET

THE FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE, No. 5, UPPER MOORE TERRACE, (over House). Rent Moderate. Apply to **LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.**, Hongkong, 2nd November, 1903. (1924)

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RAVENSHILL (EASTERN HOUSE), on the corner of a Six-Roomed House, with use of Tennis Court. BARNESFOOT, on Richmond Road, an Eight-Roomed House. Apply to **VICTOR H. DEACON**, Hongkong, 4th November, 1903. (2037)

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HOUSE, No. 22, STANLEY STREET, from 1st December next. Apply to **ROZARIO & Co.**, Hongkong, 1st November, 1903. (1936)

TO LET

NO. 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS, OFFICES and CHAMBERS in Phoenix Street, No. 2. Apply to **G. C. ANDERSON**, Hongkong, 30th September, 1903. (1933)

TO LET

NO. 7, SEYMOUR TERRACE, OFFICES in Victoria Buildings. No. 12, SEYMOUR TERRACE, THIRD FLOOR in No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD, ROOMS in Victoria Buildings. No. 5, SEYMOUR TERRACE, OFFICES in Victoria Buildings. Apply to **DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.**, Hongkong, 14th November, 1903. (1127)

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TO LET

A LARGE COAL GODOWN at PRATA, WANCHAI, lately occupied by Mr. TANG MAR HING. Apply to **HO TUNG**, Hongkong, 11th November, 1903. (2406)

TO LET

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TO LET

COMMODOUS GODOWN on PRATA ROAD. Apply to **SIEMSEN & Co.**, Hongkong, 5th April, 1903. (1821)

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SIEMSEN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 16th November, 1903. (114)

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CHAU TSEUNG FAT, Secretary. HEAD OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Road West, Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. (1904)

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CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager, Hongkong, 6th November, 1903. (1746)

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For 12 months, Fixed Deposits: 5% For 6 months, 4% For 3 months, 3% For 1 month, 2%

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